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Examiner

JUDE J. JEAN GILLES

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/27/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 29,30,32-41 and 43-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with A. Sidney Johnson, Reg. No. 29,548 on November 06 2008.

Claims 29-30, 32-41, and 43-62 are pending in this case.

Claims 51, 52, 62, and 57 have been amended to better claim the invention.

Claims 1-28, 31, and 42 have been cancelled without disclaimer.

No new claims were added.

Allowed claims:

Claims 29-30, 32-41, and 43-62 are allowed, renumbered 1-32

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IN THE CLAIMS:

2. **Please amend as follow:**

1.-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a data storage system, comprising:

receiving a login request from a first specific client, the login request directed to the data storage system;

generating, in response to the login request, a first logical unit number map (lun map) for the specific client by determining one or more physical logical unit numbers (PLUNs) of the data storage system that the first specific client has permission to access and then mapping one or more client specific virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) of the first specific client to the one or more PLUNs, in the first lun map;

exporting the client specific VLUNs to the first specific client; and

receiving a data access request command from the first specific client, the request directed to a selected client specific VLUN in the first lun map, and translating the client specific VLUN into a selected PLUN utilizing the first lun map, and performing the data access request command on the selected PLUN associated with the data storage system.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

generating the first lun map to have a set of ordered pairs mapping the one or more client specific VLUNs to one or more PLUNs.

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

identifying the one or more PLUNs that the client may access in response to the client logging in by,

(a) selecting a lun data structure;

(b) searching through a list of client identifiers in the lun data structure to identify whether the client may access the one or more PLUNs;
repeating steps (a) and (b) for each lun data object associated with a given storage system; and

accessing, in response to a client data access request, a lun data object by use of the first lun map and without searching the lun data structure.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

accessing a set of lun data structures associated with the storage system in identifying the one or more PLUNs which the client has permission to access.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising:

using a world wide name as the client identifier.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

using a Fibre Channel switching network for the first specific client to access the data storage system.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

using an Ethernet switching network for the first specific client to access the data storage system.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

using a multi-protocol storage appliance as the data storage system.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

exporting the client specific VLUNs to the client as a set of accessible luns.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:

containing the first lun map within an initiator data structure.

40. (Previously Presented) A data storage system, comprising:

a login request received from the specific client, the login request directed to the data storage system;

a logical unit number map (lun map) generated, in response to the login request, the lun map mapping one or more client specific virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) to

one or more physical logical unit numbers (PLUNs) of the data storage system that the first specific client has permission to access;

the client specific VLUNs exported to the client; and

a data access request command received from the specific client, the request directed to a client specific VLUN in the lun map, translating the client specific VLUN by the map into a selected PLUN, and performing the data access request command on the selected PLUN associated with the data storage system.

41. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

the lun map having a set of ordered pairs mapping the one or more client specific VLUNs to the one or more PLUNs.

42. (Cancelled).

43. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

one or more PLUNs that the specific client may access identified in response to the specific client logging in by,

(a) selecting a lun data structure;

(b) searching through a list of client identifiers in the lun data structure to identify whether the specific client may access the one or more PLUNs;
repeating steps (a) and (b) for each lun data object associated with a given storage system; and

a client data access request to access a lun data object by use of the lun map and without searching the lun data structure.

44. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

a set of lun data structures associated with the storage system accessed in identifying the one or more PLUNs which the specific client has permission to access.

45. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 43, further comprising:

a world wide name used as the client identifier.

46. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

a Fibre Channel switching network used for the specific client to access the data storage system.

47. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

an Ethernet switching network used for the specific client to access the data storage system.

48. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

a multi-protocol storage appliance used as the data storage system.

49. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:

the one or more client specific VLUNs exported to the client as a set of accessible luns.

50. (Previously Presented) The data storage system of claim 40, further comprising:
the lun map contained within an initiator data structure.

51. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium ~~media~~, comprising:
a processor executing instructions ~~said computer-readable media containing instructions for execution on a processor~~ for accessing a data storage system, the data storage system having the steps of,

receiving a login request from the specific client, the login request directed to the data storage system;

generating, in response to the login request, a logical unit number map (lun map) for the specific client by determining one or more physical logical unit numbers (PLUNs) of the storage system that the first specific client has permission to access and then mapping one or more client specific virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) to the one or more PLUNs;

exporting the client specific VLUNs to the client; and

receiving a data access request command from the client, the request directed to a client specific VLUN, translating the client specific VLUN by the lun map into a selected PLUN utilizing the lun map, and performing the data access request command on the selected PLUN.

52. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a data storage system, comprising:

logging into the data storage system by a client;

generating, in response to the client logging into the data storage system, a logical unit number map (lun map) for one or more physical logical units (PLUNs) the client is permitted to access, the lun map excluding mapping of PLUNs the client is not permitted to access, the lun map mapping virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) to the one or more PLUNs;

exporting the VLUNs lun map to the client;

receiving a data access request command from the client for data on a specific VLUN PLUN mapped by the lun map, the request directed to a client specific VLUN, translating the client specific VLUN by the lun map into a selected PLUN utilizing the lun map, and

performing, by the data storage system, the data access request on the PLUN mapped by the lun map to the specific VLUN.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

accessing the PLUNs supporting a client specific virtual logical unit number (VLUN).

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

identifying the one or more PLUNs that the client may access in response to the client logging in by,

(a) selecting a lun data structure;

(b) searching through a list of client identifiers in the lun data structure to identify whether the client may access the one or more PLUNs;

repeating steps (a) and (b) for each lun data object associated with a given storage system; and

accessing, in response to a client data access request, a lun data object by use of the lun map and without searching the lun data structure.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

accessing a set of lun data structures associated with the storage system in identifying the one or more PLUNs which the client has permission to access.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

containing the lun map within an initiator data structure.

57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to access A-system for accessing a data storage system, comprising:

a client configured to log into the data storage system;

in response to the client logging into the data storage system, a client specific logical unit number map (lun map) configured to be generated for one or more physical logical units (PLUNs) the client is permitted to access, the lun map further configured to exclude mapping of PLUNs the client is not permitted to access, the lun map mapping virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) to the one or more PLUNs;

the VLUNs ~~lun map~~ further configured to be exported to the client; ~~and~~
the client further configured to send a data access request for data on a specific
VLUN ~~PLUN~~ mapped by the lun map;
receiving a data access request command from the client for data on a specific
VLUN mapped by the lun map, the request directed to a client specific VLUN,
translating the client specific VLUN by the lun map into a selected PLUN utilizing the lun
map, and
the data storage system configured to perform the data access request on the
PLUN mapped by the lun map to the specific VLUN.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, further comprising:
the specific PLUN configured to access the physical logical unit.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, further comprising:

- (a) a lun data structure selected in response to the login by the client;
- (b) a storage system to search through a list of client identifiers in the lun data structure to identify whether the client may access a selected PLUN, the storage system to repeat steps (a) and (b) for each lun data object associated with a given storage system; and
a lun data object, associated with the selected PLUN, accessed by use of the lun map and without a search of the lun data structure.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, further configured to access a set of lun data structures associated with the storage system by identifying the one or more PLUNS which the client has permission to access.

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 57, further comprising:
the lun map configured within an initiator data structure.

62. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium media, comprising:
~~said computer-readable media containing instructions for execution on a~~
processor executing instructions for the practice of a method of accessing a data storage system, the method having the steps of,
logging into the data storage system by a client;
generating a client specific logical unit number map (lun map), in response to the client logging into the data storage system, for one or more physical logical units (PLUNs) the client is permitted to access, the lun map excluding mapping of PLUNs the client is not permitted to access, the lun map mapping virtual logical unit numbers (VLUNs) to the one or more PLUNs;
exporting the VLUNs lun-map to the client; and
receiving a data access request command from the client for data on a specific VLUN ~~PLUN~~ mapped by the lun map, the request directed to a client specific VLUN,
translating the client specific VLUN by the lun map into a selected PLUN utilizing the lun map, and
performing by the data storage system the data access request on PLUN
mapped by the lun map to the specific VLUN.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Jude Jean-Gilles whose telephone number is (571) 272-3914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-3301.

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